



# Thanksgiving Day



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# HEAVY FOG COVERS BANDIT TRIO

### A Penny for your Thoughts

With Christmas coming around soon, children in the Southwood area were asked this question:

"If you had \$10.00 to spend for Christmas gifts, what would you buy for your family?"

**Pixie Moore, 5, 22629 Crosshill, Ave., kindergarten student:**

"I'd buy a dog—a real one. I'd buy a hound dog because I like hound dogs best. I'd buy a dollie for sister and a writing book for me."

**Carol Koerner, 7, 5402 Rockview Drive, 2nd grader:**

"I would buy my Daddy some socks and my Mother a dress. My brother Ronnie is four and I would get him rocket shoes. They have springs on the bottom and you can jump real high. I would buy Kenny, the baby, a toy and the brand new baby—a rattle."

**Philip Huber, 7, 5408 Rockview Drive, 2nd grader:**

"I would buy a tie for my Dad, new shoes for my Mother, a doll for my sister and a rattle for baby sister. Then I would buy something for myself—a rocket launcher."

**Bill Huey, 6, 5419 Reese Rd., 1st grader:**

"I have two brothers and I buy a bike for all three of us. For Dad, I would buy some lumber so he could help us finish the fort in the back yard. And I would get Mother a purse."

**Alex Gonzalez, 5, 5507 Sunnyview, kindergarten student:**

"I would buy a record player for us. Ours is broken. I have a train record with all the sounds of a train on it that I like very much. I need a holster but I need new guns for it. This is the second thing I want."

## Thanksgiving Is Time for Reminiscing

He sat in the living room of a comfortable old house. His smile told of comfortable memories, a satisfaction with life and gratitude for both.

W. A. "Dick" Felker, who will celebrate his 41st Thanksgiving in Torrance today, came here in 1919, and now lives with his wife, Margaret, at 1527 Post Ave. Interviewed in his home and resembling a great deal President Ike Eisenhower he said:

"Telling the history of Torrance and my activities here through 41 Thanksgivings is a novel way of doing it—and I believe in new methods—but I still don't like being in the limelight."

The 79-year-old farmer, pharmacist, teacher, inventor and industrialist said that he had

many pleasant Thanksgiving Day memories in Missouri where he was born and raised. He also touched on a few in New Orleans where he ran a sugar cane plantation and his occupational versatility was matched only by his wanderlust. He taught agriculture in the Spanish-American Institute in Gardena and farmed in the Palm Springs area before buying a 10 acre ranch at Emerald and Amie in West Torrance.

"But, I promised to talk about Thanksgiving Day memories along with the rest. Well, the days have been celebrated in different ways almost every year and all of them have been happy occasions.

"In the old days we raised everything for the Thanksgiving Day dinner, but the cranberries and many's the time I bagged the main course. Oh, I'm quite a hunter and fisherman, but that's another story and I'll stick with the early days in Torrance."

DICK FELKER told of doing experimental work in a small shop on his farm when he wasn't busy in his vegetable fields. When he needed extra cash for the development of "some ideas" he took on a few shifts behind a local drug counter as he was a graduate of a Pharmacy College in Iowa.

"As I recall I put in a shift one Thanksgiving Day back in the early 20's in Dolley's Drug Store where I was relief druggist. Dolley's was located at El Prado and Sartori and I worked for 50 cents an hour."

HE STOPPED talking, re-lit his pipe and continued. "We all knew each other here in Torrance in those days. Thanksgivings always start me reminiscing and thinking of friends. Why, Sam Levy had a pressing shop next door to Dolley's and once and a while he sold a suit. There were five of us who started out from scratch and did fairly well. The others were Jack Barrington, who developed a welding process used in cotton seed refining, Hurum Reeve, who went places in the display showcase business; and Frank Dalton, of D & M Manufacturing."

The genial smiling Felker told of the ten years of hard work to realize a dream in developing the diamond saw used in cutting quartz, glass and ceramic material. "It turned into a three million dollar a year business, but I might not have made it were it not for the oil boom here in the 20's. Standard Oil helped pull me through with an Oil lease on my ranch." From a small glass  
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THANKSGIVING DAY . . . W. A. "Dick" Felker tells his 14-month-old great grandson, Chipper Hayden, stories of the many happy Thanksgivings he has celebrated in Torrance during his 41 years here. The versatile industrialist is an avid hunter and fisherman at 79 and watched Torrance grow to its present stature along with a manufacturing business bearing his name. (Herald Photo)

## Station Hit Second Time In 30 Days

Fog shrouded the scene late Tuesday as three men robbed a service station attendant at 182nd and Hawthorne of about \$50; the second time in less than 30 days that the attendant had been robbed.

Police were told by Art Lovell, who was on duty at the time, that a young man approached him and said the commode in the station's restroom was plugged.

WHEN LOVELL went to check a few minutes later, a second bandit sprang from behind the door.

"Give me your keys and money clip," he told Lovell. Taking about \$12 from Lovell, and \$40 from the station's cash box, the pair, with a third companion disappeared into the foggy night. Immediate search of the

area by Torrance police was fruitless.

IN OTHER fog covered action during the night, three persons received injuries in a crash at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Ocean Ave.

Taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital were Richard R. Harger Jr., 29, and Virginia Harger, both of Los Angeles. Harger was treated for possible rib and shoulder injuries.

Gwendolyn Eleanor Daly, 26, of 23427 Susana, was treated by a private physician for facial injuries.



GRADUATE HONORED . . . Regina R. Ryan, Torrance Police Department juvenile officer, center, accepts congratulations following her graduation from University of Southern California's Delinquency Control Institute. Honoring her are C. Robert Guthrie, left, DCI director, and Norman P. Thompson, Automobile Club of Southern California executive vice-president. Officer Ryan attended the Institute on a full scholarship from the Auto Club.

## Del Amo Zone Plan Held; Weed Abatement Job Ends

Disputed zoning plans for the south side of Del Amo Blvd. between Hawthorne Ave. and Madrona Ave. have been set over by the city council after reconsideration of a plan by the planning commission.

Part of the property in question was recently the subject of a zoning case in which the council overrode the recommendations of the planning commission and voted to

change the industrial zoning to residential.

It reversed its stand later and concurred with the recommendation that the change be denied. The matter will be reviewed at a later meeting, it was indicated. The council has asked for a master plan for the area.

## Columbia-Geneva Marks 50th Year on West Coast

A milestone in western industrial development was noted at the Pittsburg plant of Columbia-Geneva Steel Tuesday afternoon as plant officials and newsmen recalled the 50-year history of steel in the West which started on Nov. 22, 1910, at that site.

Otto A. Kresse, 1443 Post Ave., retired superintendent of the Torrance Works of Columbia-Geneva, was mentioned frequently during the day as newsmen were told how he tapped the first heat of steel ever poured on the West Coast that from November afternoon 50 years ago.

From the humble beginning at a small plant, the Pittsburg complex has grown to become one of the most diversified steelmaking plants in the nation.

On hand to greet visitors Tuesday was Don Lasell, works manager at Pittsburg, and former works manager of the Torrance plant.

In discussions earlier, Division President J. D. McCall, who was assistant works manager here during World War II, recalled the history of the division, and painted a glowing picture of future for the industry in the west.

IN OTHER action, the council delivered the final nod to the weed abatement program with the order that it be terminated.

The final blow came when William Kulpaca appeared before the councilmen and complained of a bill exceeding \$4000 for rubbish and dirt taken from his property at 4300 Emerald Ave. which he owns in joint tenancy with Zelda Mae Kulpaca, having surface rights only.

Kulpaca blamed the owner of mineral rights on the property, an oil company, with causing the mess for which he is required to pay \$4075 on  
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## Juvenile Officer Is Given Diploma

Regina R. Ryan, Torrance Police Department juvenile officer, was honored this week upon completion of her training at University of Southern California's Delinquency Control Institute.

Officer Ryan attended the Institute under a full scholarship provided by the Automobile Club of Southern California, and was honored with her classmates at a luncheon at the Club headquarters.

"Nearly 600 officers from all parts of the world have been trained in the DCI since it opened in 1946," pointed out Norman P. Thompson, Auto Club executive vice-president, "and it has been estimated that more than 1,500,000 young

people have benefitted as a result."

THE 31st CLASS, of which Officer Ryan was a member, was composed of 20 officers, six of whom were from Southern California, two from the Philippines, one from Thailand, one from Hawaii, one from Ohio, three from Missouri, two from Oklahoma, two from Illinois, one from Texas and one from Louisiana.

"Officer Ryan was awarded her scholarship because of her dedication to juvenile work and we know Torrance will benefit from her study of methods proven effective in combating misconduct among youngsters," Thompson said.